

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph number [0005] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0005] The problem with prior art configurations is the fact that they fail to recognize that the size of the top cover need not be large enough to accommodate the bolt holes. According to the present invention, the flat-panel display is provided with fixtures in the display's sidewalls to provide for its support by lateral mounting members. The advantage of this approach, in which the bolt holes are essentially rotated around to the sides of the flat-panel display, is the reduction in the portion the portable computer's top cover that is not active display. In practice, this results ~~an increase in an~~ an increase of six millimeters or more in the size display that may be housed in the same-sized top cover.

Please replace paragraph number [0008] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0008] Also according to the invention, in order to ~~accommodate~~ accommodate the lateral mounting of the flat-panel display, metal brackets are used. These brackets extend from the base unit hinges and cradle the display. This adds ~~tortional~~ torsional rigidity, but also removes the requirement that the back must be structural. As a result, the back can simply be a thin, molded cosmetic rear cover for the computer's top cover.

Please replace paragraph number [0010] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0010] The above and other features of the invention including various novel details of construction and combinations of parts, and other advantages, will now be more particularly described with reference to the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the claims. It will be understood that the particular method and device embodying the invention are shown by way of illustration and not as a limitation of the invention. The principles and features of this invention may be employed in various and numerous embodiments without ~~the departing~~ from the scope of the invention.

Please replace paragraph number [0020] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0020] In many prior art designs, the back 118 of the top cover 100 provided significant structural support to the back cover. This fact was evident by the existence of spines or ridges, which are integral with the back, that added rigidity. It is also common to bolt the display to the back by placing bosses in the back during molding. In the present embodiment, only the ~~side walls~~sidewalls of the back 118 contribute to the back's bending rigidity, and the back overall has little torsional rigidity.

Please replace paragraph number [0021] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0021] Rigidity, especially torsional, is added to the top cover by right and left metal brackets 122, 124 that are located in the back. The proximal portion of each bracket 122, 124 connects to respective right and left hinge elements 126, 128 that are adapted to cooperate with corresponding hinge elements in the base unit 12. The brackets 122, 124 are each aligned against respective ~~side walls~~sidewalls 130, 132 of the back 118. The cross-section of each bracket is essentially "L"-shaped, the shorter legs 134, 136 extending orthogonally away from the planar inner surface of the back 118 and abutting the back's sidewalls 130, 132. Two holes 138, 140 in each bracket are sized to accommodate bolts 148, 150, 2 millimeters in diameter, and the holes align with corresponding holes 142, 144 through the sidewalls 130, 132 of the back 118. Preferably, the outer surfaces of the back's sidewalls 130, 132 have slight depressions 146 to recess heads of the bolts 148, 150.

Please replace paragraph number [0022] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0022] The flat-panel display 114 (not shown) comprises a large active area 152 that is defined by the transparent top window of the display 114. The top window is clamped to the panel's plastic back (not shown in this figure) by a metal rim 154 that extends around the display's circumference, defining the display's bottom (180), left (181), top (182), and right (183) sidewalls. Holes 156, 158, formed in the metal rim 154, ~~that~~ align with the holes in the

brackets and back when the display is installed. The four bolts 148, 150 extend through the back 118, brackets 122, 124 to engage bosses held in the display 114 behind the metal rim 154.

Please replace paragraph number [0027] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0027] In other embodiments of the invention, the bolts 148, 150 may be replaced with pins that extend through the back 118 and brackets 122, 124 to engage non-threaded holes in the ~~side walls~~ sidewalls 180-183 of the display 114, possibly using an interference fit. Alternatively, these pins could be integral with the metal brackets 122, 124. In this later case, it may desirable to have the display 114 to snap fit with the ~~pins~~ pins 6, to facilitate the manufacturing process.

Please replace paragraph number [0028] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0028] In still another embodiment, pins extend outward from the display 114, possibly integral with the metal rim 154 to engage the brackets 122, 124 with a ~~snap fit~~ arrangement. This configuration has ~~the advantage that~~ an advantage, because there is no need to accommodate holes in the ~~display~~ display, which ~~can~~ could affect the display's electrical design.

Please replace paragraph number [0029] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0029] In still other embodiments, mounting could be accomplished off of the top and bottom ~~side walls~~ sidewalls 180, 182 of the display 114. In this case, lateral mounting members that cooperate with these ~~side walls~~ sidewalls would be used to replace the mounting fixtures on the right and left ~~side walls~~ sidewalls 181, 183, or in addition to those fixtures.